

## REMARKS

Claims 2 to 5 and 7 to 11 now appear in the application. Claim 4 has been amended to be in independent form, incorporating the limitations of claim 1, and claim 1 has been canceled. Claim 2 has been amended to be dependent on claim 4. Claim 8 has been amended to be in independent form, incorporating the limitations of claim 6, and claim 6 has been canceled. Claim 7 has been amended to be dependent on claim 8. New claim 11 has been added.

Claims 1 to 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In making this rejection, the Examiner specifically identified passages of claims 1, 4 and 6 which he considered to be indefinite and then suggested, by way of his interpretation of those phrases, amendments for overcoming the rejection. In amending claims 4 and 8, the Examiner's kind suggestions have been adopted so that the claims now pending in the application are believed to have overcome this ground of rejection.

Claims 4, 5 and 8 to 10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and in independent form. Claim 4 has been amended to be in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim 1, there being no intervening claims; however, it will be noted that the "wherein" clause in original claim 4 has been separately set out in new claim 11. Claim 8 has been amended to be in independent form, including all the limitations of base claim 6; however, it will be noted that claim 7, originally an intervening claim, has been made dependent on claim 8. With these caveats, it is submitted that independent claims 4 and 8 are in allowable form, and the claims dependent thereon are also allowable.

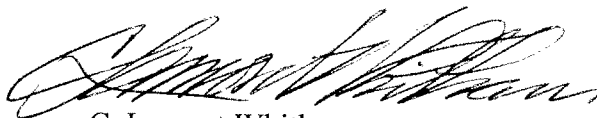
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 2 to 5 and 7 to 11 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a

telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Lamont Whitham', is written over a horizontal line.

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